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Serial No.: **UNKNOWN**   §   Group Art Unit: **UNKNOWN**
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Filed: **October 11, 2001**   §   Examiner: **UNKNOWN**
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For: **METHOD, APPARATUS, AND**   §   Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920010197US1**
PROGRAM FOR FINDING AND   §
NAVIGATING TO ITEMS IN A SET   §
OF WEB PAGES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary at this time. However, in the event that any fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0392. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is needed, the extension is requested. Please charge the fee for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0392.

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment before calculating fees for claims:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Cross Reference to Related Applications section with the following section:

1.   Cross Reference to Related Applications:

The present application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/697,444 entitled "METHOD OF INDICATING CHANGED LINKS TO EASE THE USE OF FREQUENTLY USED WEB PAGES" filed 26 October 2000. The content of the above mentioned commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent application is hereby incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 25, line 27, with the following paragraph:

Turning now to **Figure 9C,** a flowchart illustrating a process of highlighting frequently used links is shown in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention. The process begins and the user starts with the top page in a hierarchy of web pages (step **952**). Next, the process determines the frequently used links from the sequence of visited web pages (step **954**) and displays the frequently used links first (step **956**).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 5, 7, 8, 13, 15, 17, 18, 28, 30, 32, 33, 38, 40, 42, and 43 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 9-12, 14, 16, 19-27, 29, 31, 34-37, 39, 41, and 44-53 are pending in the present application. Claims 3, 5, 7, 8, 13, 15, 17, 18, 28, 30, 32, 33, 38, 40, 42, and 43 are canceled.

Amendments are made to the specification to correct errors and to clarify the specification. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments to the specification.
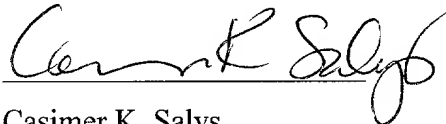
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable and is now in condition for allowance.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

DATE: 10/11/01

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APPENDIX

Redacted Replacement Paragraphs

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